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# chamber calendar

Please check [arlingtonchamber.org/events](http://arlingtonchamber.org/events) for format and meeting locations.

## NOVEMBER

- 2 Monday** **Ambassador Committee**  
4:00-5:00 p.m.
- 3 Tuesday** **LeadShare Networking Group**  
8:45-10:00 a.m.
- 4 Wednesday** **Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee**  
9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 5 Thursday** **SMART Start**  
4:00-5:15 p.m.
- 6 Friday** **Sustainability Committee**  
9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 10 Tuesday** **Membership Development Committee**  
2:00-3:00 p.m.
- 12 Thursday** **Breakfast Connection: Residential Real Estate Focused**  
7:45-9:00 a.m.
- 14 Saturday** **96th Arlington Business Gala**  
6:30-9:00 p.m.
- 17 Tuesday** **LeadShare Networking Group**  
8:45-10:00 a.m.
- 18 Wednesday** **Community Action Committee**  
9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 19 Thursday** **Virtual Networking Mixer**  
5:00-6:00 p.m.
- 20 Friday** **Board of Directors Meeting**  
11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 23 Monday** **Membership Engagement Committee**  
4:00-5:00 p.m.
- 24 Tuesday** **Education & Workforce Development Committee**  
3:00-4:00 p.m.
- 26 Thursday-27 Friday** **Thanksgiving**  
Office Closed
- 26 Thursday-27 Friday** **Executive Committee**  
8:00-9:30 a.m.
- 26 Thursday-27 Friday** **Female Founders Roundtable**  
12:45-2:30 p.m.
- 26 Thursday-27 Friday** **Nonprofit Forum: Prevailing in a Pandemic**  
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## DECEMBER

- 1 Tuesday** **LeadShare Networking Group**  
8:45-10:00 a.m.
- 2 Wednesday** **Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee**  
9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 3 Thursday** **SMART Start**  
4:00-5:15 p.m.
- 4 Friday** **Sustainability Committee**  
9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 7 Monday** **Ambassador Committee**  
9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 8 Tuesday** **Membership Development Committee**  
2:00-3:00 p.m.
- 9 Wednesday** **Executive Committee**  
8:00-9:30 a.m.
- 10 Thursday** **Breakfast Connection**  
7:45-9:00 a.m.
- 11 Friday** **2021 Organizational Board Meeting**  
10:30-11:30 a.m.
- 15 Tuesday** **LeadShare Networking Group**  
8:45-10:00 a.m.
- 16 Wednesday** **Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee**  
9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 17 Thursday** **Virtual Networking Mixer**  
5:00-6:00 p.m.
- 18 Friday** **Board of Directors Meeting**  
11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 22 Tuesday** **Education & Workforce Development Committee**  
3:00-4:00 p.m.
- 16 Wednesday** **LeadShare Networking Group**  
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 17 Thursday** **Virtual Networking Mixer**  
5:00-6:00 p.m.
- 18 Friday** **Board of Directors Meeting**  
11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 22 Tuesday** **Education & Workforce Development Committee**  
3:00-4:00 p.m.

# CHAIR'S MESSAGE

## Gratitude, Pride, and Great Expectations

Thank you, thank you, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Chair this year! While 2020 has presented a very unique set of circumstances, challenges, and considerations, it has also given us many things to evaluate and think about as we set a course for next year in both our personal affairs and our commercial endeavors.



R. Scott Ritter

The events and concerns of 2020 drive home the notion that, indeed, "we are all in this together," and that each of us has a role to play as we work to shape the future of our community. Never has it been clearer that, while we each possess a unique set of talents, values, beliefs, experiences, and opinions, it takes all of us make the most of our collective aspirations.

For your many contributions of thought, time, and treasure to the Chamber my gratitude is heartfelt and sincere. Your ideas and actions have been instructive for me personally and have helped the Chamber work through a challenging, yet uniquely satisfying, year.

Utter admiration and pride leap to the fore of my reflections upon the actions of the entire staff of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. Their steady and unflinching efforts this year make clear their dedication to our membership and community. The future of the Chamber is very bright. Todd Ihrig, your upcoming Chair for 2021, has, during his many years of service to the Chamber, already done much to shape the governance, activity, and civic outlook of our organization. I can't wait to see what he has in store for next year.

This past September, many of you helped us welcome over 60 new members who will help build the Chamber's future. That this Event and its very successful outcome occurred despite the economic pressure that many of our businesses now face came as no surprise. Responsible and informed business people invest their capital where it serves them best – especially when the chips are down. The Chamber's value proposition for members has never been greater. This has been vividly evidenced by the array of programs and support information that the Chamber offered to help businesses navigate their way through the maze that has been 2020.

Thank you again for your participation and support, and best wishes for the upcoming holiday season. I hope to see many of you very soon.

R. Scott Ritter  
United Bank



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## Chamber Advocacy Defeats Arlington County Sidewalk Ordinance

The Chamber played a leading role in advocating that the Arlington County Board discontinue an ordinance that threatened \$100 fines for people waiting outside select restaurants. It had not been shown to reduce crowds, but it raised concerns about the targeting of certain businesses and their customers. We organized meetings for Arlington County leaders to hear directly from impacted restaurants about all that they are doing to keep patrons safe, and the potentially devastating effect that the ordinance could have on their businesses. We encouraged and supported restauranteurs who spoke out and the Chamber testified to make the case for why the ordinance shouldn't be adopted. We are grateful for the County Board's 1-4 vote not to make the ordinance permanent. We continue to work collaboratively with our members and local government to help patrons enjoy and support our restaurants and other Arlington businesses in a safe, healthy manner.



## Advocating for Child Care to Help Parents Work

Caring for children who are ordinarily in school during the work day is a hardship that many families are facing in trying to work through the pandemic. The Chamber sent a letter to Arlington Public Schools suggesting that the reconfiguring of school spaces for social distancing provides a unique way to support the community through expanded child care. We recommended that an expanded child care plan could phase expansions based on families' child care needs, for example, prioritizing children of healthcare workers and children of parents whose jobs do not allow them to telework.

## Support for Rapid COVID Testing



Rapid COVID-19 testing is essential for the smooth functioning of businesses and other important facets of society such as schools. The Chamber encouraged the Arlington County Board to allocate a portion of Arlington County's funding under the CARES Act to purchase rapid saliva tests for COVID-19, and to share those tests (or sell at cost, if possible) with businesses, nonprofits, and other community groups. Access to tests will help Arlington businesses to reduce the risk of operation and of community spread of the virus. The government has unique resources and economies of scale that it can apply to acquiring these rapid tests, raising the value of the government using its resources, such as CARES Act funding.

## Chamber Opposes Making Virginia's Emergency COVID-19 Standard Permanent

The Chamber sent a letter to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry encouraging it not make permanent the Emergency Temporary Standard for COVID-19 Prevention. The standard falls short of the goal of consistent workplace health protection protocols. Making this standard permanent and potentially adding provisions could place a significant burden on businesses that continue to struggle with the economic consequences of this pandemic. The Chamber also believes that businesses should have flexibility to apply practices that work best for achieving health and safety in their circumstances.



## Senators, Delegates, Look Ahead to 2021



Senator Adam Ebbin, Senator Barbara Favola, Delegate Alfonso Lopez, and Delegate Rip Sullivan.

Several members of Arlington's General Assembly delegation joined the Chamber's Government Affairs and Economic Development Committee to look ahead to 2021. Senator Adam Ebbin discussed his work to bring stakeholders together on rent relief, and Senator Barbara Favola described the importance of supporting students attending community college for high-need workforce tracks. Delegate Alfonso Lopez thanked the Chamber for our support of the Virginia Dream Act and funding for affordable housing, and Delegate Rip Sullivan talked about this year's transportation bill as a bridge to a new way of funding our transportation system. Committee members asked questions about housing, transit, education, and funding priorities for 2021.

## Supporting Metro to Keep the Region Moving

Keeping the region moving is vital to restarting business, and so the Chamber wrote to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) asking that they not go through with proposed service cuts. Reduced service would have the greatest impact on workers who depend on Metrorail and bus to get to and from work. Fewer trains and buses also inhibit passengers' ability to social distance onboard, which is a key concern of many employees and employers for returning to in-person work. Our letter on Metro encouraged federal support for WMATA.



## Chamber Supports Arlington Public Schools' Grant Application for TECH Program

The Chamber supports initiatives and programs to align training and education with projected workforce needs, particularly in the STEM field. The Chamber also supports incentives that motivate employers to develop workplace learning opportunities for high school students. Both businesses and students benefit from these interactions, and they help school systems align with the "Profile of Virginia Graduate." Arlington Public Schools and Fairfax County Public Schools are working on a TechInnovation and Equity in Computing Hub (TECH) program that will support these educational goals. They are applying for a GO Virginia grant to for this program, and the Chamber sent a letter supporting their grant application.



## Business Highlights from the General Assembly Special Session

The General Assembly's special session to deal with the budget, coronavirus, and social justice issues ran nearly as long as this past winter's regular session. We were successful with two bills extending select land use approvals for two years and temporarily removing the limit on special events ABC licenses for restaurants. We were less successful on securing liability protections for coronavirus transmission provided compliance with applicable policies and guidance. The General Assembly also adopted a budget that restored some, but not all, of spending put on hold due to the pandemic and creates an eviction moratorium with specific landlord and tenant responsibilities for entering into rent payment plans.



## 34th Annual Best Business Awards

On October 27, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce celebrated the 34th Annual Arlington Best Business Awards at the Crowne Plaza Crystal City-Washington, D.C., in a hybrid format that allowed attendees to join in person and virtually. The Best Business Awards are presented to area businesses that consistently deliver exceptional quality of service to their customers, are industry leaders or offer a unique approach to delivery of goods or services, achieve significant growth or stability over the lifetime of their business, display an interest and concern for the success of the Arlington community, and demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusion.

The 2020 Best Business Award winners are:

**Design Powers** - 2020 Home-Based Business of the Year

**Arlington Strategy, TriVistaUSA Design + Build** - 2020 Service Small Businesses of the Year

**Casual Adventure** - 2020 Retail Small Business of the Year

**DTS** - 2020 Technology Small Business of the Year

**Arlington Free Clinic** - 2020 Nonprofit of the Year

**AT&T, Virginia Hospital Center** - 2020 Large Businesses of the Year

“This year’s winners provide exceptional value to their clients as well as to the greater community,” said Chamber President & CEO Kate Bates. “We are proud to present this year’s winners with these well-deserved awards and thank them for their continued investment in Arlington.”

Following the presentation of these awards, the Chamber inducted **Erik Gutshall** (1970-2020) into the Arlington Business Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame honors men and women with a connection to Arlington County who have demonstrated a long record of successful management, expertise, and business skills, along with notable achievements, and exceptional civic and community involvement.

**Erik Gutshall** was the owner of **Clarendon Home Services**, a small business which he founded in 2008 in Arlington after recognizing that many homeowners didn’t have adequate time to care for their homes. Upon receiving a diagnosis of a brain tumor, Erik lost his short but fierce battle on April 16, 2020. Erik leaves behind his wife, Renee, and their three children in the Clarendon neighborhood.

Upon accepting the award for her late husband, Renee Gutshall said she felt “very honored.” She went on to talk about Erik’s mission for the Arlington small business community and noted that this lifetime achievement honors the contributions of both their family and the **Clarendon Home Services** family. A list of past Best Business Award winners and inductees into the Arlington Business Hall of Fame can be found at [www.arlingtonchamber.org](http://www.arlingtonchamber.org).

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Renee Gutshall, wife of the late Erik Gutshall, accepting the Arlington Business Hall of Fame honor on Erik's behalf.



Arlington Restaurant Week has officially come to a close and we were so pleased to have a total of 42 participating restaurants and multiple media placements throughout the week. Member restaurants participated for free, thanks to sponsorship support. Diners enjoyed some of the best food the area has to offer at special prices, and it was a great opportunity for participants to take the week to explore the diverse restaurant scene in Arlington and find a new go-to place for dining out.

Restaurants received great exposure through website traffic to the Chamber's Restaurant Week webpage and through extensive media promotion. The Arlington Restaurant Week webpage, that included participant's logos, menus, and links to their website, received more than 22,000 views! A majority of those views were directly connected to feature articles, a TV segment, and the Facebook event for Arlington Restaurant Week.

Arlington Restaurant Week's press coverage included a TV segment on ABC7's October 19 broadcast and a feature story online, as well as coverage in other local outlets. One restaurant reported that its sales were up 35% from the previous week. We are looking forward to continuing to build upon this success in future years to support our restaurants.

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**The Arlington Optimist Club's Christmas Tree Lot Opens  
Friday, November 27 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Hours of Operation**

**Mon.-Thurs. 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Fri. 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Sat. & Sun. 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

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**Purchase Your Tree From the Optimist Club of Arlington!**



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## MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Chamber Membership



### 40 Years

Animal Welfare League of Arlington

### 35 Years

Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority

### 25 Years

Arlington Free Clinic

### 10 Years

Bayou Bakery, Coffee Bar & Eatery  
Jay E. Reiner, CPA, PLLC

### 5 Years

AMA Washington DC Area Conference Center  
Aspire! After School Learning  
Beach Geeks, Inc.  
Congressional School  
Freedom Bank of Virginia  
Last Name Left Productions, LLC  
Trade Roots

# members in the news

## BRIDGES TO INDEPENDENCE

### Bridges to Independence Announces Merger with Bonder & Amanda Johnson Community Development Corporation



## BRIDGES TO INDEPENDENCE

**Bridges to Independence** announced on September 1 its intent to merge with Bonder and Amanda Johnson Community Development Corporation (BAJCDC), a community-based nonprofit with a focus on health, education, financial empowerment and social services for the Arlington Green Valley community. The merger is expected to be finalized in December 2020.



## MATTHEWS, CARTER & BOYCE

### Matthews, Carter & Boyce Named Best Accounting Firm for Women

On October 8, **Matthews, Carter & Boyce** announced that the firm had been selected for Accounting Today's Best Accounting firms for Women list.

The program is designed to identify, recognize and honor the best employers in the accounting profession. From the selected top firms across the country, the most female-friendly workplaces in the profession are chosen. Accounting Today recognizes the 100 Best Firms to Work For in the U.S. — and then picks the 10 Best Firms for Women from among those organizations, based on a multitude of criteria. **Matthews, Carter & Boyce** placed #4 on the list.

## ARLINGTON STREET PEOPLE'S ASSISTANCE NETWORK (A-SPAN)

### A-SPAN Sibert House Ribbon Cutting

**Arlington Street People's Assistance Network (A-SPAN)** celebrated

the opening of Sibert House, a dedicated apartment building, with a ribbon cutting event on October 13. This event marked the successful completion of their Streets to Stability capital campaign. The goal of Sibert House is to provide a foundation to help clients achieve better health, prevail over substance abuse and mental illness, obtain job security and more. Sibert House is **A-SPAN's** most recent initiative to provide Arlington with a housing solution for its most vulnerable – those homeless individuals who require the most oversight, additional onsite care, and enhanced support that can help transition people from Streets to Stability.



## Have news to share?

Let us know! Members in the News article submissions must be emailed to the Communications Coordinator, and received by the first of the month prior to the publication month (i.e. April 1 for consideration in the May/June issue of the *Arlingtonian*), in order to be considered for inclusion.

Members should submit a press release or new article, along with photo options, if available.

For questions, contact Morgan Cooper [communications@arlingtonchamber.org](mailto:communications@arlingtonchamber.org) or (703) 525-2400.

*Article inclusion is available on a limited basis and is not guaranteed. Articles printed in this newsletter submitted by members represent their ideas and beliefs and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.*



## COLONY GRILL

### Colony Grill Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting

Colony Grill officially opened its doors on October 13, and celebrated with a ribbon cutting on October 28. Chamber President & CEO Kate Bates made opening remarks and **Colony Grill COO Ken Martin** spoke as well. **Arlington County Board Chair Libby Garvey and County Board Member Takis Karantonis** assisted in cutting the ribbon to welcome **Colony Grill** to the community. The restaurant is known for its specialty bar-style, hot oil pizza. The first **Colony Grill** location opened in 1935 in an Irish Immigrant neighborhood in Stamford, CT.



## COWBOY CAFE

### Cowboy Cafe Mural & Outdoor Patio Ribbon Cutting

**Cowboy Cafe** celebrated the reveal of its new outdoor mural and patio dining area on October 30 with a ribbon cutting event. The mural depicts a person hugging multiple homes. Local artist MasPaz created the mural and based it off of the idea of “community”. This inspiration is linked to the community’s overall COVID-19 response.

## welcome to our NEW MEMBERS!

### Business & Professional Services

Crowned Fox, LLC | Krueger International  
LandDesign | Roberston Mobile Services  
Sentrana, Inc. | Sina Manufacturing | Smash  
My Trash | Temp-Power Inc.  
The Silverene Group | Thinkbox Group LLC  
Tray, Inc. | Type E Design | Veritas Culture  
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### Communications & IT

Collins + Co. | Invario Network Engineers | PK  
Cybersolutions Inc. | Sky Packets

### Financial Services

Ascent Wealth Strategies Group | C. Dolan &  
Associates | Cabalu Group of Wells Fargo  
Advisors | Cope Corrales | Gina Myers -  
Cross Country Mortgage | HomeFirst Mortgage  
Corporation | Kenya Z. Knight - State Farm  
Agent | Luis E. Iriazary | MainStreet Bank  
Matthews, Carter & Boyce | Trey Reid -  
InterCoastal Mortgage Group  
Victor J. Calandra

### Government & Education

Matt de Ferranti

### Health & Fitness

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield | New Era  
Eyecare | Skills on the Hill | SPENGA Ballston  
Stephanie Mitchell Fitness

### Home & Personal Services

Bright Horizons at National Landing  
EOS Design & Build  
Heritage Landscape Services, LLC  
WellNest Professional Cleaning  
Will Reintzell Professional Photography

### Nonprofit Organizations & Associations

AGC of Metropolitan DC | Arlington Branch of  
NAACP #7047 | Computer CORE  
Homeward Trails Animal Rescue | Northern  
Virginia Family Service | Rebuilding Together  
Arlington, Fairfax, Falls Church, Inc.

### Real Estate & Construction

BoundTrain Real Estate | Bowers Design Build  
Carydale Apartments | Chain Bridge Group  
Esoarc Architects | FD Stonewater | Ironstar  
Development LLC | Jamie Gallagher -  
McEneaney & Associates | Kay Houghton &  
Associates - Keller Williams | Kettler | Maple  
Constructions LLC | McEneaney Associates,  
Inc. | Merion Companies | Red House Architects  
| RRMM Architects | Spring Street Development  
| Twenty-Third Street Corridor, LLC DBA Pappas  
Trust | Walker Title, LLC | Walter L. Phillips, Inc.

### Retail & Restaurants

Acme Pie Company | Arlington Kabob | Bryce  
Enterprises, Chantilly Kitchen + Bath  
Colony Grill | Crystal City Wine Shop | Good  
Stuff Eatery | Kitchen and Bath Shop DC LLC  
Kona Ice of Fairfax  
McAlister's Deli - Ashburn & Alexandria | Olive  
Express | Rus Uz - Arlington | Superette LLC  
Sweet Science Coffee | The Celtic House Irish  
Pub & Restaurant | The Salt Line | Twins Ace  
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Send your new members referrals to Mike Rosenow, Senior Director of  
Membership, at [membership@arlingtonchamber.org](mailto:membership@arlingtonchamber.org) or  
call (703) 525-2400.

# chamber scene

## Your Chamber in the Community

The success of the Arlington Chamber is tied to its membership base. This is why the Chamber's Directors, staff, and members are dedicated to supporting community events and programs.



### Below is a sampling of events that Chamber staff participated in:

**August 27:** Kate Bates and Mike Rosenow participated in the Virginia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executive Leadership Virtual Conference.

**September 11:** Mike Rosenow and Scott Pedowitz participated in **CPRO's** Restaurant Roundtable.

**September 17:** Olivia McKay attended **Volunteer Arlington's** Causes & Cocktails event.

**September 18:** Kate Bates and 2020 Chair Scott Ritter participated in the Board of Trade Virtual Metro Area Regional Chambers Lunch.

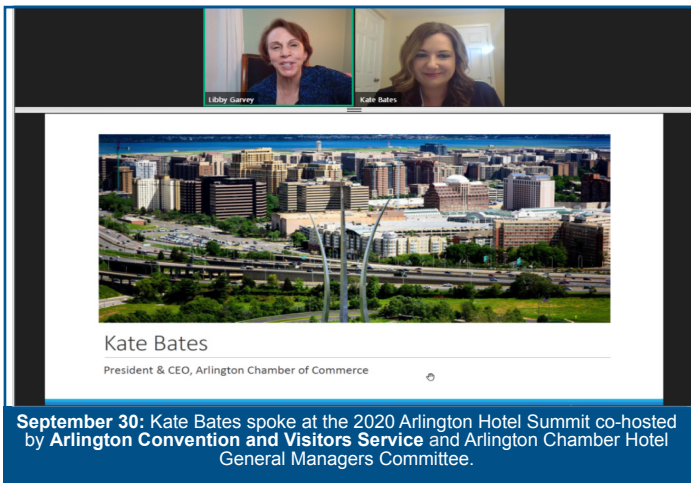
**September 30:** Kate Bates and Scott Pedowitz attended the 2020 Arlington Hotel Summit co-hosted by **Arlington Convention and Visitors Service** and Arlington Chamber Hotel General Managers Committee.

**October 13:** Kate Bates and Andrea Aiello attended **A-SPAN's** Sibert House ribbon cutting.

**October 15:** Andrea Aiello attended the **Paul Davis Restoration** "fill the truck" event to benefit **New Hope Housing**.

**October 15:** Scott Pedowitz attended the SWaMmy Honors, co-presented by **Arlington Economic Development**.

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## Make a Difference in Your Community this Holiday Season

Your fellow Chamber members in the nonprofit sector have compiled a list of ways you and your business can contribute during the holiday season.

### Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC)

Contact: Jolie Smith, [jolie.smith@afac.org](mailto:jolie.smith@afac.org), (571) 384-1443

- Organize a food drive to help AFAC collect food for Arlington families struggling against hunger. We'll provide you with boxes and will pick up the donated food.

### Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA)

Contact: Meghan Sharon, [msharon@awla.org](mailto:msharon@awla.org), (703) 931-9241 x252

- Shop AWLA's Amazon Wish List and surprise shelter animals with treats and toys and give pets and their people peace of mind this holiday season!
- Donate to support AWLA's Pet Pantry and provide resources and care for pets, and the people who love them, in our community.

### A-SPAN

Contact: Gabrielle Goodson, [ggoodson@a-span.org](mailto:ggoodson@a-span.org), (703) 228-7815

- Donate Boost High Protein Energy Drink to clients in our medical respite program
- Donate new blankets in original packaging for shelter clients during hypothermia season

### Bridges to Independence

Contact: Christina Armstrong, [carmstrong@bridges2.org](mailto:carmstrong@bridges2.org), 703-525-7177 x127

- Become a Holiday Helper by sponsoring a homeless or low-income family this holiday season.
- Organize a virtual volunteer activity for your office to encourage camaraderie and civic engagement

### Computer Core

Contact: Donna Walker James, [donna@computercore.org](mailto:donna@computercore.org), (703) 931-7346 x5

- Laptop computers to refurbish and distribute to our underemployed adult students.
- Small appreciation gifts (books, mugs, etc.) to honor our all-volunteer instructional team.

### Culpepper Garden

Contact: Jasmin Witcher, [jwitcher@culpeppergarden.org](mailto:jwitcher@culpeppergarden.org), (703) 528-0162 x109

- Donate PPE Supplies including gloves, masks, and hand sanitizer (travel-size) for seniors in our affordable senior living community.
- Donate a new or gently used IPAD to help residents at risk of social isolation stay virtually connected to their loved ones.

### Doorways for Women & Families

Contact: Anna MacNiven, [amacniven@doorwaysva.org](mailto:amacniven@doorwaysva.org), (703) 504-9291

- Donate new, boxed small kitchen appliances (i.e. coffee pots, blenders, crock pots, toaster ovens, etc.)
- Donate new Spanish language children's books.

### Dream Project Inc.

Contact: Lizzette Arias, [executivedirector@dreamproject-va.org](mailto:executivedirector@dreamproject-va.org) (571) 268-1083

- Donate noise canceling headphones with microphone for our students to succeed in their distance learning courses.
- Donate a unique, interesting, or valuable item to be auctioned at our 10th Annual Holiday Celebration (12/19).

### EcoAction Arlington

Contact: Elenor Hodges, [elenor@ecoactionarlington.org](mailto:elenor@ecoactionarlington.org), (703) 228-6427

- Donate LED A19 9-watt or 6-watt light bulbs to help a low-income family improve their energy efficiency.
- Donate a smart power strip to help a low-income family improve their energy efficiency.

### Encore Stage & Studio

Contact: Sara Duke, Executive Director, [sara.duke@encorestage.org](mailto:sara.duke@encorestage.org) (703) 795-4765

- Donate video and audio recording equipment to our Flip the Script program highlighting local African-American voices.
- Donate your professional skills by volunteering your time to assist with marketing, fundraising or financial management.

### Habitat for Humanity Northern Virginia

Contact: Liz Salter, [lsalter@habitatnova.org](mailto:lsalter@habitatnova.org), (703) 521-9890 x.114

- Donate hand sanitizer and adult sized masks to help keep volunteers safe
- Donate furniture, homegoods, and construction materials for one of our Habitat NOVA ReStores

### Jennifer Bush-Lawson Foundation

Contact: Jane Doe, [kgarrity@jb-lf.org](mailto:kgarrity@jb-lf.org), (703) 462-2336

- Check out JBLF's Amazon wish list online at <https://rb.gy/mdavhd> and help elevate the lives of low-income moms this holiday season
- Become a monthly supporter - contact for more information.

### Leaders in Energy

Contact: Janine Finnell, [jfinnell@leadersinenergy.org](mailto:jfinnell@leadersinenergy.org), (703) 203-0766

- An event venue for up to 150+ people for our educational and awards events. (This is assuming that face-to-face events will be allowed to resume in 2021).
- Printing of materials for the organization, including brochures, event programs, etc.

### National Capital Treatment & Recovery

Contact: George Knoerlein, [gknoerlein@phoenixma.org](mailto:gknoerlein@phoenixma.org), (703) 841-0703 x3005

- Donate new winter gloves and scarves to our patients who are taking the courageous steps to recovery from substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders.
- Recovery Care Package which includes adult coloring books and colored pencils, journals, lip balm, hand lotion

### NHMH

Contact: Florence Fee, [florencefee@nhmh.org](mailto:florencefee@nhmh.org); 415-279-2192

- Donate a \$100 gift certificate to Staples to assist our office supplies purchases;
- Donate a \$100 gift certificate to Minuteman Press to assist our printing/ brochures/advocacy handout etc costs.

### Northern Virginia Family Service

Contact: Kathleen McMahon, [kmcmahon@nvfs.org](mailto:kmcmahon@nvfs.org), (571) 748-2535

- Donate board books and developmental toys for kids 0-5 in our early childhood programs.
- Donate wi-fi hot spots and laptops for our workforce development technology lending library.

### Opera NOVA

- Purchase "What an Amazing Journey" by Dr. Alfred O. Taylor, Jr.
- Donate to fund for putting on a opera for people with disabilities

### Phoenix Bikes

Contact: Maggie Richardson, [maggie@phoenixbikes.org](mailto:maggie@phoenixbikes.org) (703) 575-7762

- We have a wishlist on Amazon here for shop supplies and cleaning products to keep everything covid safe
- If you have an old bike that needs a home, we can give it a new life. Read about what we can use in our shop here: <https://www.phoenixbikes.org/get-involved/donate-a-bike/>

### The Clothesline for Arlington Kids

Contact: Benjamin Sessions, [ben@clotheslinearlington.org](mailto:ben@clotheslinearlington.org), (703) 243-2615

- Make a kid's day by donating new sneakers to schoolchildren from low-income families (sizes Kids 10 to Adult 12)
- Help keep kids warm this winter by donating puffer jackets (Sizes Kids 4 to Adult)

All holiday contribution opportunities were submitted by nonprofit members of the Chamber. All of the Chamber's nonprofit organization members were notified about the opportunity to submit items to this list. Cash and gift card donations are encouraged.

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